

§ 457.540

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**§ 457.540 Cost-sharing charges for children in families with incomes at or below 150 percent of the FPL.**

The State may impose premiums, enrollment fees, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, cost sharing and other similar charges for children whose family income is at or below 150 percent of the FPL as long as—

(a) Aggregate monthly enrollment fees, premiums, or similar charges imposed on a family are less than or equal to the maximum amounts permitted under § 447.52 of this chapter for a Medicaid eligible family of the same size and income;

(b) Any copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar charges for children whose family income is at or below 100 percent of the FPL are equal to or less than the amounts permitted under § 447.54 of this chapter;

(c) For children whose family income is from 101 percent to 150 percent of the FPL, any copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar charges are equal to or less than the maximum amounts permitted under § 457.555;

(d) The State does not impose more than one type of cost-sharing charge (deductible, copayment, or coinsurance) on a service;

(e) The State only imposes one copayment based on the total cost of services furnished during one office visit; and

(f) Aggregate annual cost sharing of all types, with respect to all targeted low-income children in a family, does not exceed the maximum permitted under § 457.560(a).

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**§ 457.555 Maximum allowable cost-sharing charges on targeted low-income children in families with income from 101 to 150 percent of the FPL.**

(a) *Non-institutional services.* For targeted low-income children whose family income is from 101 to 150 percent of the FPL, the State plan must provide that for non-institutional services, including emergency services—

(1) Any copayment or similar charge the State imposes under a fee-for-service delivery system does not exceed the following amounts:

Total cost of services provided during a visit	Maximum amount chargeable to enrollee
\$15.00 or less .....	\$1.00
\$15.01 to \$40 .....	2.00
\$40.01 to \$80 .....	3.00
\$80.01 or more .....	5.00

(2) Any copayment that the State imposes for services provided by a managed care organization may not exceed \$5.00 per visit;

(3) Any coinsurance rate the State imposes may not exceed 5 percent of the payment the State directly or through contract makes for the service; and

(4) Any deductible the State imposes may not exceed \$3.00 per month, per family for each period of eligibility.

(b) *Institutional services.* For targeted low-income children whose family income is from 101 to 150 percent of the FPL, the maximum deductible, coinsurance or copayment charge for each institutional admission may not exceed 50 percent of the payment the State would make under the Medicaid fee-for-service system for the first day of care in the institution.

(c) *Institutional emergency services.* Any copayment that the State imposes on emergency services provided by an institution may not exceed \$5.00.

(d) *Nonemergency use of the emergency room.* For targeted low-income children whose family income is from 101 to 150 percent of the FPL, the State may charge up to twice the charge for non-institutional services, up to a maximum amount of \$10.00, for services furnished in a hospital emergency room if those services are not emergency services as defined in § 457.10.

(e) *Standard copayment amount.* For targeted low-income children whose family income is from 101 to 150 percent of the FPL, a standard copayment amount for any service may be determined by applying the maximum copayment amounts specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section to the State's average or typical payment for that service.

**§ 457.560 Cumulative cost-sharing maximum.**

(a) A State may not impose premiums, enrollment fees, copayments,

coinsurance, deductibles, or similar cost-sharing charges that, in the aggregate, exceed 5 percent of a family's total income for the length of a child's eligibility period in the State.

(b) The State must inform the enrollee's family in writing and orally if appropriate of their individual cumulative cost-sharing maximum amount at the time of enrollment and reenrollment.

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#### **§ 457.570 Disenrollment protections.**

(a) The State must give enrollees reasonable notice of and an opportunity to pay past due premiums, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar fees prior to disenrollment.

(b) The disenrollment process must afford the enrollee an opportunity to show that the enrollee's family income has declined prior to disenrollment for non payment of cost-sharing charges, and in the event that such a showing indicates that the enrollee may have become eligible for Medicaid or for a lower level of cost sharing, the State must facilitate enrolling the child in Medicaid or adjust the child's cost-sharing category as appropriate.

(c) The State must provide the enrollee with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program in accordance with § 457.1130(a)(3).

### **Subpart F—Payments to States**

#### **§ 457.600 Purpose and basis of this subpart.**

This subpart interprets and implements—

(a) Section 2104 of the Act which specifies the total allotment amount available for allotment to each State for child health assistance for fiscal years 1998 through 2007, the formula for determining each State allotment for a fiscal year, including the Commonwealth and Territories, and the amounts of payments for expenditures that are applied to reduce the State allotments.

(b) Section 2105 of the Act which specifies the provisions for making payment to States, the limitations and conditions on such payments, and the

calculation of the enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage.

#### **§ 457.602 Applicability.**

The provisions of this subpart apply to the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealths and Territories.

#### **§ 457.606 Conditions for State allotments and Federal payments for a fiscal year.**

(a) *Basic conditions.* In order to receive a State allotment for a fiscal year, a State must have a State child health plan submitted in accordance with section 2106 of the Act, and

(1) For fiscal years 1998 and 1999, the State child health plan must be approved before October 1, 1999;

(2) For fiscal years after 1999, the State child health plan must be approved by the end of the fiscal year;

(3) An allotment for a fiscal year is not available to a State prior to the beginning of the fiscal year; and

(4) Federal payments out of an allotment are based on State expenditures which are allowable under the approved State child health plan.

(b) Federal payments for States' Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) expenditures under an approved State child health plan are—

(1) Limited to the amount of available funds remaining in State allotments calculated in accordance with the allotment process and formula specified in §§ 457.608 and 457.610, and payment process in §§ 457.614 and 457.616.

(2) Available based on a percentage of State SCHIP expenditures, at a rate equal to the enhanced Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for each fiscal year, calculated in accordance with § 457.622.

(3) Available through the grants process specified in § 457.630.

#### **§ 457.608 Process and calculation of State allotments for a fiscal year.**

(a) *General*—(1) State allotments for a fiscal year are determined by CMS for each State and the District of Columbia with an approved State child health plan, as described in paragraph (e) of